

**Town of Polk
Annual Town Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2009**

I. Call Meeting to Order - Chairperson Heppe - The Annual Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Willard Heppe at 7:30 p.m. at the Polk Town Hall.

A. Official Meeting Notification - Chairperson Heppe reported the notice of the Annual Meeting was sent to the West Bend News, Hartford Times Press, WBKV, WTKM, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, and posted on the website, at the Town Hall, Highway View School, and Cedar Lake Hills Bulletin Boards.

Chairman Heppe introduced the Town Board Members, the new Town Chairman Albert Schulteis, Supervisor Harold Groth, Zoning Secretary, Judith Stephenson, Treasurer Shirley Kissinger, Clerk Catherine Whelan. Supervisor Theodore Merten was excused.

Twenty-five electors attended the meeting.

II. Financial Report - (See pages #).

Chairman Heppe asked the Clerk to report on the Financial Statement.

The revenues we received in 2008 totaled \$676,480 the expenditures paid totaled \$678,604. The difference was \$2,124.00 taken from our reserve for a new lawn mower. The old one was no longer repairable. This dropped our Fund Balance to \$252,767.00 at the end of 2008.

Chairman Heppe asked the residents to review the Financial Report and if they have any questions the Town Board would answer them.

Marilyn Merten inquired what is represented in the Other Revenues.

Clerk Whelan stated the amount \$10,791.52 represents the money we received from FEMA for the February snow storm lasting two days, which was declared a disaster by the State of Wisconsin.

Marilyn Merten inquired why the increase in money raised from the cable franchise and the increase in expense to the buildings.

Cable Franchise fees increased due to the switch to digital causing more people to go to cable.

Chairman Heppe stated the increase in Town Hall expense comes from the need to repair our well because of a pipe breaking flooding the back area behind the garage. The heating also needed quite a bit of repair as the offices were not getting heat.

Motion was made by Marilyn Merten to approve the Financial Report, seconded by Keith Franz. Motion carried by voice vote.

III. Report of Town Chairperson - Chairperson Heppe stated there is very little to report because there was very little done. We have no money so we couldn't repair any roads. Black top was so expensive we really couldn't afford to do anything.

But we did do a very good job snow plowing last winter, in fact we received very few calls, approximately two or three complaints last winter, and most of the complaints were do to the wing of the plow digging up grass.

We have very good equipment in the garage and our equipment is in very good shape. We don't need any new equipment in the Town for many years.

We had to purchased a lawn mower this last year, because our old one was no longer repairable.

We used about the same amount of salt last year as the year before. Salt last year was \$44.65 per ton. We have already ordered our salt for this next year.

One of our largest expenses is Fire Department especially Slinger Fire Dept. We tried to negotiate with Slinger and have had very little luck doing that. Chairman Heppe stated he had contact the Town's Association regarding fire contract and all they could say was to start your own Fire Department if you don't like it. We went through that about thirty years ago, we cannot start our own fire department for the simple reason we don't have enough help and the second thing is we could end up with a Fire Department and no land left in the Town because of annexations.

Annexations are slowing now and some of the people that were annexed, approximately one half, have called over the last 30 years and asked to come back to the Town of Polk.

A question was asked, if after annexation, the property owner could reverse the annexation and come back to the Town.

Chairman Heppe stated the people cannot come back unless the Village allows it. The Villages are all in debt and need the revenue, so they won't allow them to come back to the Town.

A motion was made by Marvin Kissinger to approve the Chairman's Report, seconded by Albert Schulteis. Motion carried.

IV. Report of Zoning Secretary - (See Report)

Judy Stephenson, Zoning Secretary, reported that we had issued building permits for 7 new homes, and 93 miscellaneous building permits, 55 plumbing permits, and 90 electrical permits.

The Town had approved nine land divisions and rezoned two property one from A1 Agriculture to B1 Business and one from M1 Manufacturing to I1 Institutional.

The Zoning Board of Appeals heard eight cases for variances.

Judy Stephenson commented on new homes, stating in the previous ten years of new homes permits, the average per year were approximately 20 new homes per year.

If you break it down in the most recent five years, it comes down to about 17 new homes per year compared to the seven new homes we had in 2008. The economy is some what depressed. There is not much going on in construction at this time.

A motion was made by Mary Franz and seconded by Karen Reiter to approve the Zoning Report for 2008. Motion carried.

V. New Business - None

A. Other Appropriate Annual Meeting Business -

Motion was made by Keith Franz to forward a Resolution to the Town Board to be adopted. The Resolution is to commend and thank Willard Heppe for his 40+ years of services to the community, of which 36 years were as chairman, and to wish him the best of health and happiness in his retirement.

Motion was seconded by Marilyn Mayer.

Motion carried by voice vote.

VI. Adjournment -

Motion was made by Marilyn Merten to adjourn at 7:40 p.m., seconded by Robert Roecker. Motion carried by voice vote.

Catherine Whelan
Town Clerk

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REPORT by Judith Stephenson, Zoning Secretary

Building Permits 2008

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| New Homes | 7 |
| Misc. Building Permits | 93 |
| Total Building Permits | 100 |

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| Plumbing Permits | 55 |
| Electrical Permits | 90 |

Land Divisions 19

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| Russell & Cecilia Nehm | 1 lot | Section 20 |
| William Foster | 3 lots | Section 11 |
| Pioneer Plaza | 3 lots | Section 36 |
| Steve Yahr | 2 lots | Section 36 |
| Dorothy Friess | 2 lots | Section 13 |
| Scott & Terri Gundrum | 1 lot | Section 5 |
| Michael & Mary Schuetz | 2 lots | Section 23 |
| Donald & Celeste Thoma | 4 lots | Section 26 |
| Kenneth & Marlene Pezewski | 1 lot | Section 29 - combined 2 lots into 1 lot |

Rezoning 2

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| Still Waters Church | Section 22 | 2.3 Acres from M1 to I1 |
| Michael & Mary Schuetz | Section 23 | 5.3 Acres from A1 to B1 |

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